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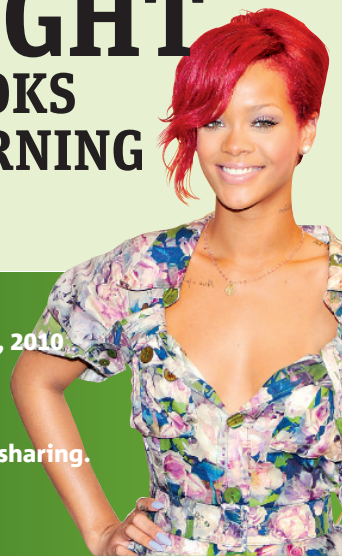
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► Steven Elliot Laffin is escorted out of Halifax provincial court last week. More coverage, page 4.

Charge laid in murder of sex worker

► Nadine Taylor reported missing three months ago ► Steven Laffin in court today on second-degree murder charge ► Police asking for public's help in finding body

Halifax police say they worked meticulously to build a case against Steven Elliot Laffin before laying a second-degree murder charge against him yesterday over the disappearance of Nadine Taylor.

Taylor, a 29-year-old Halifax prostitute, was reported missing July 31 and in September police announced they were treating the case as a homicide, though her body was never found.

Police searched Laffin's home on Weyburn Drive in relation to the case in late August.

Laffin, 36, has been at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside since mid-August to face charges of kidnapping, forcible confinement and aggravated sexual assault in relation to an incident with a different woman on Old Sambro Road. He was also charged with attacking a sex worker in 2009, but that case was dropped.

"Laffin was identified as a suspect in this matter as a result of the charges he currently faces," said Deputy Chief Chris McNeil of Halifax Regional Police.

Taylor was a sex worker, though police haven't said if she was working the night she went missing. Her fiancé said Taylor went to make a phone call and never re-



► Nadine Taylor

turned to her Fairview home.

"This has been a complicated investigation," McNeil said. "We've been taking our time putting it together because we've had the advantage that our primary suspect has been in custody and there was no further risk to the public from him."

He said the court case would be based on witness testimony and physical evidence. "Nadine's body has yet to be located and we have reason to believe that we will not be able to locate her remains," McNeil said, declining to elaborate.

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A one-man bomb show

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Capital budget, Ross report on the agenda {page 3}

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Getting back to business

► Parties prepare for fall sitting ► Issues such as Ross Report, jail decision and the capital budget are all on the docket



► Premier Darrell Dexter seen at the Nova Scotia legislature in a file photo.



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The Dexter government is planning to bring forward an ambitious list of items over the course of this year's fall sitting of the legislature.

Chief among them will be the province's first-ever capital budget, distinct from the province's operating budget, which will

be tabled in the coming months. Premier Darrell Dexter said delivering the capital budget in the fall gives departments more time to plan their spending initiatives.

"This is just good financial planning, a good way to maximize the planning flexibility of the departments," he said yesterday.

Dexter said the fall sitting will also see his government's response to the

Legislature

When the second session of the 61st House of Assembly resumes today, it will look a little different than when it adjourned in May.

► Two rookie MLAs Zach Churchill and Geoff MacLellan will make their

Ross Report, made public Tuesday. In addition, Dexter said the government will table a five-year roads plan, a 10-year farming

debut on the floor of the legislature tomorrow.

► Interim Tory Leader Jamie Baillie, another rookie MLA, should be sworn in by mid-November, after winning Tuesday's byelection in Cumberland South.

► The 52-seat legislature has 31 NDP MLAs, 12 Liberals, eight Tories and one independent.

strategy, and a "job plan." He said he will not discuss specifics until the initiatives are brought before the house.

What to watch

SOME THINGS TO KEEP AN EYE ON DURING THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

The end of the expense scandal probe

RCMP executed a search warrant on the Speaker's Office in July, though the warrant itself is sealed and the RCMP will not confirm its existence.

Speaker Charlie Parker said he expects the investigation to wrap up this fall, with the possibility of criminal charges being laid against up to five current and former MLAs.

Capital budget

For the first time ever, the province's capital budget (as distinct from the operating budget) will be delivered.

Premier Darrell Dexter says tabling the capital budget in the fall ensures it will be approved for springtime construction season.

New AG Act

Auditor General Jacques Lapointe criticized the government last June for its "pervasive culture of secrecy," after the NDP withheld hundreds of documents from his office. Finance Minister Graham Steele pledged to amend the AG Act to address the issues.

Jamie Baillie

The soon-to-be-minted Tory leader won his seat. Now we'll see how effective he'll be from the legislature floor.

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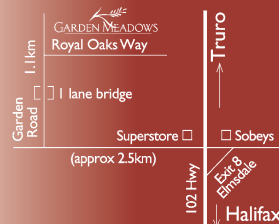
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Police, sex worker advocates at odds

► Nadine Taylor the 19th sex worker killed or missing since 1985, says Stepping Stone ► Sex work not illegal, but laws criminalize sale of sex

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Halifax police worked closely with Stepping Stone while investigating the disappearance of Nadine Taylor, but continue to enforce laws the sex workers' outreach organization says make women like Taylor vulnerable.

"The prostitution laws in Canada remain on the books and they remain enforceable laws," Deputy Chief Chris McNeil of Halifax Regional Police told reporters yesterday after announcing Steven Elliot Laffin was charged with

murdering Taylor.

"Prostitution creates a significant harm to the people who are involved in it and has adverse impacts on the community. We support the legislation as it currently is."

Ontario's Supreme Court struck down those laws in September.

That case is expected to make its way to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Rene Ross, executive director of Stepping Stone, praised Halifax police for the "diligent" Taylor investigation.

"The murder of a sex worker is the murder of a human being — a daughter, a sister, a friend," she said.



"Violence against sex workers is an epidemic in this country."

RENE ROSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEPPING STONE

"Sex workers continue to report to me that violence is an issue."

Stepping Stone supports the decriminalization of

sex work, arguing it would improve the health and safety of women like Taylor and better their relationships with police.

It says many sex workers who have been assaulted don't report it to police because they fear police will then target them for the criminalized work.

"It's also about removing the stigma," she said.

"(The stigma) has created what some call a society where the women are seen as disposable and nobody cares about them. Organizations like Stepping Stone do care, as do their families and friends."

DARRELL BEATON/FOR METRO



► RCMP Supt. Darrell Beaton, left, and Deputy Chief Chris McNeil of Halifax Regional Police take questions at yesterday's press conference announcing that Steven Elliot Laffin is facing a second-degree murder charge in the killing of Nadine Taylor.

MURDER

Red SUV ruled out by cops

Police have ruled out a red SUV seen in the area at the time a pizza delivery driver was shot on Saturday as having anything to do with his killing.

Halifax Regional Police issued a release Tuesday saying they were trying to locate a

red full-size SUV similar to an Escalade.

By day's end, the vehicle's owner contacted police and investigators deemed there was no connection to the homicide.

Donald Chad Smith, a 27-year-old from Windsor Junction, was found outside of 15 Joseph Young St. in Highfield Park just before 9:30 p.m. Saturday suffering from a single gunshot wound.

There have been no arrests.

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Province seeks storm money

Nova Scotia is seeking about \$4.5 million in federal disaster relief for the storm-damaged community of Meat Cove.

Premier Darrell Dexter made the announcement yesterday at the annual Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities conference in Sydney. Dexter said the request will be made under the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements Program, which is expected to pay close to 60 per cent of the cost of eligible claims.

Damage

► With federal funding, the province's share of the \$7.2-million damage bill would be reduced to \$2.5 million.

Roads, bridges, culverts, a slipway, and homes and businesses were damaged in the remote Cape Breton community by torrential rain and flash-flooding in late August.

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Construction begins at Grand Lake

A provincial park in HRM is undergoing a \$2.5-million redevelopment.

Construction has begun at Laurie Provincial Park at Grand Lake on a new admin building, visitors' services area and seasonal floating dock.

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Water main break knocks out service

A water main break saw residents of Purcell's Cove Road from Spinnaker Drive to Ramsgate Lane without water service most of yesterday.

The break took place around 11:30 a.m., with water restored by the evening.

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Call centre closing

More than 200 employees at Amherst's only call centre will be out of a job two weeks before Christmas.

TeleTech Holdings' executive director of marketing and communications confirmed yesterday the Amherst centre will be closing in December.

"The centre employees will be paid through Jan. 19, but we're antici-

pating the last day of operations to be Dec. 11," said Bob Livingston of TeleTech.

He said the centre, which opened in Amherst in 2005, employees approximately 215 people. Roughly 200 of those positions will be replaced between the company's other four centres throughout Canada.

Employees in Amherst, said Livingston, will be eligible for those positions. However, he added relocating "is not typically provided."

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Export forecast predicts small drop, then rebound

Nova Scotia exports will be on a bit of a roller-coaster ride over the next two years, a new economic forecast suggests.

Export Development Canada said yesterday shipments are expected to drop by one per cent this year and rebound by 10 per cent in 2011 after a 24 per cent decline in 2009 caused by the global recession.

"Nova Scotia exports saw a mixed performance this year," Peter Hall, the EDC's chief economist, said in a release.

"Low natural gas prices and production and supply side issues in the fishing industry dragged down overall growth. Meanwhile, exports of tires and forestry-related products will likely rack up double-digit gains in 2010."

Although prices of fish

Agri-food

The agri-food sector, which accounts for 23 per cent of the province's exports, is forecast to decline by five per cent this year but increase by three per cent in 2011.

and shellfish have rebounded modestly, a lower-than-expected herring catch coupled with new regulations affecting fisheries costs will result in slightly negative export receipts for the industry this year.

Hall predicts an overall bounce back in the province's exports next year thanks to regained strength in the energy sector, fuelled by stronger prices and added production capacity.

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Pushed to the edge, man seeks answers

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► Tom Barnett, star of 7 Stories, is shown in a scene from the new Neptune Theatre play that premieres tomorrow night.

► Alberta writer's breakthrough work has been performed from New York to Tokyo ► 2nd play of Neptune Theatre season takes comedic look at life-threatening issues

Neptune Theatre is turning suicide and murder into absurdist comedy in 7 Stories, its new edge-of-the-ledge play about a man trying to decide whether life is worth living.

Alberta playwright Morris Panych's award-winning work tells seven stories from a window ledge located seven storeys above ground. The main character, known only as Man, hears from the neighbours as he contemplates taking the stairs or the air to get down.

Director Jim Warren said the sky-painted building and the besuited Man's bowler hat deliberately invoke the surrealist paintings of Rene Magritte. The Belgian artist focused on revealing the strangeness of everyday life.

"All of the characters are desperately searching for some kind of meaning in their existence," Warren said. "He's looking for a reason not to commit suicide and for something to believe in."

Halifax actor Jackie Torrens plays three characters: An intoxicated partygoer who is terrified

Interested?

► 7 Stories runs at Neptune Theatre from tomorrow to Nov. 14. Call 429-7070 or go to neptunetheatre.com for more information.

of conversational silences; a buttoned-down spinster; and a stereotype-busting 100-year-old woman.

Torrens co-starred in A Beautiful View in last season's Studio series, but 7 Stories marks her main-stage debut.

"I've always found humour such a great way to get into someone's head, soul and spirit. It's amazing the breadth and seriousness of topics you can talk about with the opening of humour," said Torrens, who also writes for and appears in her brother's comedic TV show, TV with TV's Jonathan Torrens.

Torrens said the manic tone and frequent costume changes make for a high-energy night.

"It's a workout, but it's a fun workout."

► JON TATTIE

Production returns to roots

7 Stories premiered in Vancouver in 1989.

The Halifax production uses Ken

MacDonald's original set design of an apartment building's exterior painted sky blue with white clouds.

Director Jim Warren said it captures the absurdity of life while not dating the action to any particular time or location. ► JON TATTIE



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► Stephen Pedersen takes a ride on his bicycle through Camp Hill Cemetery during a rainy day in Halifax yesterday.

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Ready for more? Yesterday was the second straight day for wet weather in the city, with more rain in the forecast for today and tomorrow.

Man says he owes life to slain friend

► N.S. victim one of two killed in shooting spree ► A 13-year-old girl was wounded ► Winnipeg police vow to do what's necessary to solve case

The roommate of a Sydney native murdered in Winnipeg on Saturday is crediting his friend with saving his life.

At about 9:15 p.m. Saturday, there was a knock at the door of the home on Boyd Avenue, in Winnipeg's north end, that Ian Layton MacDonald, 52, shared with Charlie Thorgrimson.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Thorgrimson said

MacDonald went to the door and opened it.

"Then I heard a scuffle, he hollered for me, then I heard the two shots, and by the time I got to the door he was slumping into the door and sliding down, even holding the door shut," Thorgrimson said. "I think he kept whoever it was from getting in, he must have seen the gun or knew something that I didn't know."

It was the third shooting in a 50-minute span in the neighbourhood Saturday. Police have said although MacDonald managed to shut the door,

the assailant fired two shots through the glass, hitting him in the chest.

MacDonald had been living in Winnipeg for about eight years, where he cared for Thorgrimson, who he viewed almost as an uncle figure. Earlier, af-

No comment

► A spokesperson for the Winnipeg Police Service declined to comment on the case because it is still under investigation.

ter leaving Cape Breton, MacDonald lived in areas including Waterloo, Ont.

"We were just very, very good friends," Thorgrimson said. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Restos key to growth: Group

The president and CEO of the Canadian Restaurants and Foodservices Association says fostering small business is key to leading Nova Scotia out of what he calls a recession.

Garth Whyte made the comments during a speech at yesterday's meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in Sydney.

Whyte is pushing for municipalities to work closely with small businesses, many of which belong to the province's \$1.6-billion restaurant industry.

CRFA says the restaurant industry — with more than 30,000 workers — is one of the largest employers in the province.

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Can satire save America?

► Colbert, Stewart lighting a nationwide civility flame

It may go down as the perfect antidote to an American election cycle as bitter and vicious as any in living memory.

Political satire is headed this weekend to the capital of the United States.

Left-leaning comedians Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert descend upon Washington's National Mall on Saturday for their joint Rally To Restore Sanity And/or Fear.

The event is expected to attract tens of thousands of fans just three days before mid-term elections that could see Republicans regain control of Congress.

The same dynamic is playing out in towns and cities across the U.S.

"There are thousands upon thousands of us who are sick and tired of everyone calling everyone else a Nazi," said Jim Baum, co-ordinator of Saturday's Seattle rally.

"And we're coming out

Hope for future

- Saturday's rally in D.C. is now a viral phenomenon, with as many as 1,000 satellite rallies planned throughout the U.S. and far beyond.
- Some, like a copycat rally set for the Everest base camp, may amount to little more than a few like-minded souls coming together to commiserate over the polarized American condition.
- But at least 50 will be full-fledged happenings driven by organizers who hope they will mark a turning point in the national conversation.

of the woodwork to say enough is enough — it is time for a return to civility so we can start addressing our real problems."

Baum anticipates at least 6,000 people will at-

tend Seattle's edition, timed to coincide with the main rally in DC.

Stewart and Colbert both trade in fake news — with Stewart playing a counterfeit newscaster and Colbert as the comic foil, a faux-conservative pundit.

While rumours abound that everyone from Oprah Winfrey to left-wing politico Ariana Huffington will join them in Washington, few are certain precisely what will unfold.

Whether it adds up to anything more than a gigglefest remains in doubt.

Even Seattle organizer Baum is unsure: "The hope is that after Saturday we can morph this into a sort of Civility Watch to celebrate people who encourage unity and rational debate in America."

More than 300,000 people on Facebook have said they intend to travel to Washington.

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► Stephen Colbert, left, and Jon Stewart hope the U.S. will surrender itself to the reasonable middle and return to something approximating its normal self again.

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Those Facebook 'friends' may just be hackers

► Firesheep lets you access someone's profile with a couple of clicks ► Twitter and Flickr vulnerable, too

Think twice before logging into Facebook with free WiFi access — unless you don't mind snoopers reading and potentially altering your profile.

A software developer is hoping to educate users about the dangers of using unsecured WiFi networks with a computer program that makes it fairly easy for anyone to hack into Facebook and Twitter accounts.

With a download of Firesheep, a plug-in for Mozilla's Firefox web browser, all it takes is a couple of clicks to access someone's profile on a variety of websites, also including the photo-sharing

The coffee test

► In a little more than 24 hours, Firesheep was downloaded more than 129,000 times.

► Ian Robertson, an IT professional in Ottawa, took his laptop to a couple of coffee shops to give the program a test drive. He was surprised how easy it was to use.

► To protect against getting hacked while using open WiFi, experts recommend another Firefox plug-in called HTTPS-Everywhere.

site Flickr and the WordPress blogging platform.

The program sniffs out

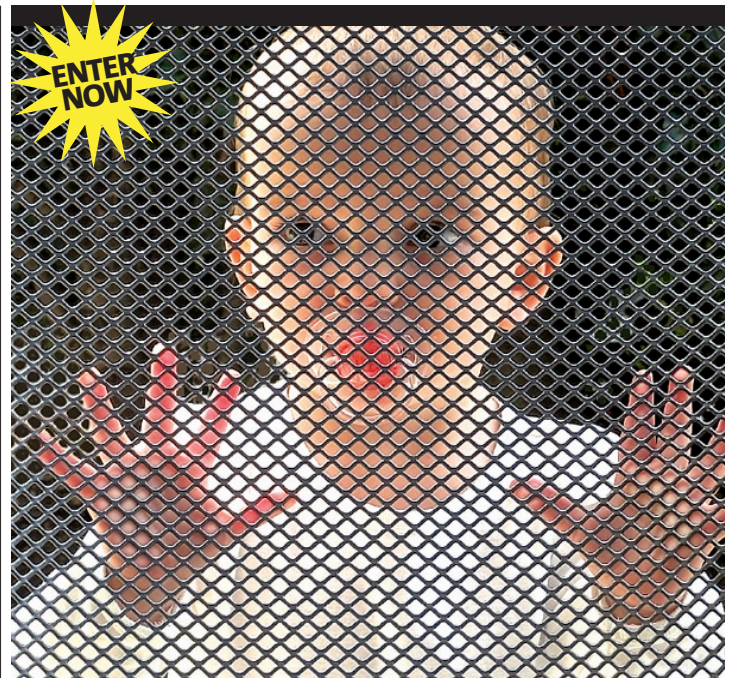
log ons over the network and connects Firesheep users with those accounts.

"Websites have a responsibility to protect the people who depend on their services. They've been ignoring this responsibility for too long," wrote Seattle-based Eric Butler, explaining his program.

Butler said not all websites are vulnerable to Firesheep, but too many sites aren't secure enough.

While typed-in login information may be protected, the user-identifying information in cookies — small text files that websites access on a user's computer — are not.

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STUART MATTHEWS

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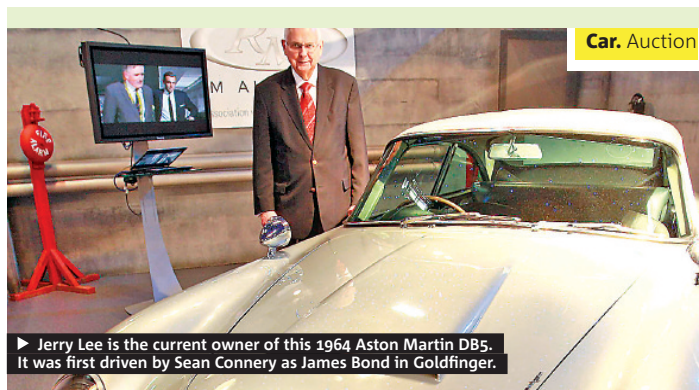
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One of the world's most famous cars — the specially equipped Aston Martin first driven by Sean Connery as James Bond in Goldfinger — will be auctioned off in London today, and it may fetch one of the highest prices ever paid for an automobile. The unique car, with rotating licence plates and other "spy" gear, is expected to go for more than \$5.5 million US.

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CEO maps strategies

▶ Says shellfish harvester will sell catch from other firms ▶ Former Campbell Soup executive attempting financial turnaround at Clearwater

Selling other companies' catches under the Clearwater banner is among the strategies Canada's largest shellfish harvester will use to restore profit and help wrestle down debt, says

the chief executive.

Ian Smith said Clearwater Seafoods Ltd. Partnership also plans to turn raw shellfish into meal-ready products, and it's in the midst of improving its cur-

rency hedging programs.

Smith started at the corner office of the Halifax-based firm in May, recruited from the Campbell Soup Co., where he held several senior posi-

tions including the general manager of the soup maker's China office, a key market for Clearwater. Debt has built up at Clearwater after years of problems. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Syncrude boss says he's upset over bird deaths

The head of Syncrude Canada says he's personally upset over the latest incident involving dead birds on a company tailings pond in Alberta.

But Scott Sullivan said his staff did the best they could to prevent the 350 deaths on Monday night and that all deterrence devices — flare guns, air horns and noise cannons — were working.

That, he told reporters yesterday, is what makes the deaths even more of a head scratcher.

The waterfowl had to be killed after they landed on Syncrude's Mildred Lake tailings pond. A handful of other birds died on nearby Shell and Suncor tailings ponds as well.

"(I'm) very upset, very concerned. We have 5,500 employees and many contractors who are very

1,600

Syncrude has been in the public eye for two years over a protracted court battle in Alberta after it was charged for not preventing 1,600 ducks from landing and dying on one of its tailings ponds in 2008. Syncrude was found guilty last spring and on Friday agreed to pay \$3 million in penalties.

proud to work at Syncrude, and obviously we're all very sorry that this event has occurred, and we're determined to find out what we can do going forward."

Sullivan says Syncrude has ramped up research in deterrence technology since the 2008 case and will work to more fully understand bird migratory patterns, specifically through a \$1.3-million study it is funding through the University of Alberta. The money was part of a sentencing deal in a similar case in 2008 that closed Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN JOKE'S ON YOU?

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



When people hear I perform live comedy, they often say, "I could never do that. What if I bombed?"

Allow me to offer a recent report from the front lines. I'm still removing the shrapnel.

I bombed this week. Badly. We're talking Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Mike Myers' The Love Guru combined. This measured on seismographs. Picture Sylvester Stallone running toward the camera in slow motion with a fiery ball of unfunny expanding behind him.

Bombing is often called dying, but it's worse than death.

In fact, a doctor once told me that I might die while I was in hospital. I faced that possibility with quiet thoughtfulness.

But when I died on stage my response was something akin to a kid who drops his ice cream cone combined with those Palestinian women you see mourning on television.

I've failed before during my seven years of performing. But it was usually with other performers and maybe lasted 10 minutes.

But this time I was the sole performer and I was performing for, give or take, all eternity.

My job was to entertain people during a fitness class while they were on the floor doing their sculpting exercises. I pretended to be The Before Guy

from TV commercial fame.

This earned me vaguely sad stares — the sort of looks I expect to get 50 years from now when people are saying, "They did a good job with the corpse."

"When jokes bomb on television there's often the sound of crickets, but man, I'd have killed for a cricket. I'd have chatted it up ..."

After this 30-minute ordeal, the positive voices in my head tried to cheer me up: This schtick has worked elsewhere, a half-hour is a long time for solo improv, etc. But it was a scattered

message, like the Liberal party's.

The negative voice in my head had the message discipline of Stephen Harper: "You suck," it said, over and over.

When jokes bomb on

television there's often the sound of crickets, but man, I'd have killed for a cricket. I'd have chatted it up, asked where it was from, what it did for a living.

I would also have welcomed a tumbleweed. I could have left on it.

As to the question, "What would I do if I bombed?" You feel bad, like you were dumped from a minor relationship, or you lost a hockey game in overtime.

And then you get over it.

If you never leave the trench because you're afraid of bombs, you'll never win the war. Am I right?

Who's with me?

(Sound of crickets.)



Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADLER

Clampdown useless: EU



Worth mentioning

European air officials accused the United States of imposing useless and overly intrusive travel security measures, calling yesterday for the Obama administration to re-examine policies ranging from online security checks to X-raying shoes.

British Airways' chairman made the first in a wave of complaints, saying in a speech to airport operators that removing shoes and taking laptops out of bags were "completely redundant" measures demanded by the U.S. He was joined less than 24 hours later by British pilots, the owner of Heathrow airport, other European airlines, and the European Union. The EU

Re-examine policies



submitted formal objections to a program that requires U.S.-bound travellers from 35 nations to complete online security clearance before departure. It called the system burdensome and said it could violate travellers' privacy. The EU said the U.S. Electronic System for Travel Authorization would process some 13

million registrations from Europeans in 2009 alone. The program applies to Europeans who don't need visas to travel to the U.S. The EU said it was "inconsistent with the often repeated commitment by the U.S. to facilitate trans-Atlantic mobility and legitimate travel and trade in a secure environment."

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Metro Minute with the symphony

Symphony Nova Scotia is taking the stage tonight at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium with this latest show very much having a French feel to it. The symphony is performing a show titled The French Connection as it celebrates French music with Les Violons du Roy, conductor Jean-Marie Zeitouni and symphony trumpeter Richard Si-

moneau. The musical lineup includes French composers Ravel and Debussy and the world premiere of a haunting new work by Montreal-based composer Michael Oesterle. Show time is set for 7:30 p.m., with tickets ranging in price from \$29 to \$52. Visit symphonynovascotia.ca for complete details.

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Scene in brief



The Force can be with you — for a price.

Christie's auction house says it is selling an original Darth Vader costume from the Star Wars movie franchise.

The jet-black helmet, mask and armour worn by the intergalactic villain are expected to sell for between 160,000 pounds and 230,000 pounds (US\$250,000 and \$365,000) at a sale of pop culture memorabilia next month.

Christie's said Wednesday that the costume is thought to have been made for The Empire Strikes Back, the second film in George Lucas's sci-fi series, released in 1980.

Christie's did not name the owner, identified only as an American private collector.

The sale takes place Nov. 25 in London.

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Museum show explores lasting influence of legendary escape artist. Scan code for story.

► Jerry Springer is celebrating its 20th season ► Springer says the show started to get 'crazy' when he decided to bring young people on ► Now, the idea of a midget standing on a table to start a food fight or passionately kissing her sister doesn't seem so shocking anymore

FILE PHOTO



► The former mayor of Cincinnati, Jerry Springer was a local news anchor when he was assigned to host a new talk show.

The tumultuous 20

Springer's theatre of the absurd is like video wallpaper now, as he celebrated his 20th season on the air this week with an episode filmed in New York's Times Square that plays back some of the memorable wig-pulling, chin-smacking and turkey-tossing moments of the past.

Springer's show doesn't get high ratings, not like in the early 1990s when he briefly challenged The Oprah Winfrey Show for supremacy.

Springer infrequently stands on his show's stage, usually prowling with a microphone among audience members and acting like a ringmaster for themed programs such as

Wives Battle Mistresses, Midget Holiday Hell and Guess What? I'm a Man! Transsexuals revealing their secret to dating partners.

Former U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett called talk show hosts like Springer "perpetrators of cultural rot," in a 1995



"I don't watch the show, but it's not aimed at 66-year-old men."

JERRY SPRINGER

news conference aimed at cleaning up daytime TV where he was joined by U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn.

Now Springer films his episodes in a production facility in Lieberman's hometown of Stamford, Conn.

Politicians have largely moved on from Springer. (Representatives for Bennett and Lieberman did not immediately return calls for comment.)

Many of the stations that air Springer pair his show with others hosted by Steve Wilkos, a former Springer security guard, and the colorful Maury Povich, he said.

Springer, a former mayor of Cincinnati, was a lo-

cal news anchor in the same city when his station's parent company assigned him to host a new talk show. The first episode aired in September 1991.

At first, it was conventional, chasing after the same audience of middle-aged women that Oprah Winfrey owned. Springer said he made his only substantive decision on the show's future: go young.

"We decided to have young people on the stage, young people in the audience and young subject matter," he said. "Well, young people are much more open about their lives. They're much wilder, and that's when the show started to go crazy."

For the first fight — an audience member rushing the stage to confront a Ku Klux Klan member — Springer didn't even have security guards. He worried the show would be in trouble. It wasn't.

When the show's rights were first bought out, "they said from now on we're only allowed to do crazy," Springer said.

"The culture of television changed," he said. "The world didn't change. There's nothing that's ever been on any of our shows that a grownup didn't know existed. There's nothing shocking in the show. What was shocking was that we had never seen it on television before." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Biebs to rock AMAs

A newlywed, a teenaged heartthrob and a glittery pop star are set to take the stage at the 38th annual American Music Awards.

Katy Perry, Justin Bieber and Ke\$ha will make their debuts on the AMAs next month, producers said yesterday.

All three are multiple nominees, and all are up for artist of the year, along with Lady Gaga and Eminem.

Bieber is nominated for four awards. Ke\$ha and Perry have three bids each.

Eminem and Lady Antebellum lead nominees with five apiece.

Sixteen-year-old Bieber said he's "extremely humbled and honoured" to be part of the show, which honours the most popular albums and artists.

"As a small-town kid from Canada, I never imagined that I would be



► Justin Bieber

nominated for AMAs, let alone be performing on the show," he said without hinting at what song he plans to perform.

Ke\$ha said she's excited for her "first big American awards-show performance" and humbled to be nominated for artist of the year.

"To have my name nominated alongside them really solidifies the impact I've had on American pop culture and pop music the

past year," she said.

"I'm really honoured and definitely going to cover America in glitter."

Other artists slated to perform at the show include Christina Aguilera, Bon Jovi, Usher and P!nk.

The American Music Awards will be presented Nov. 21 at the Nokia Theatre and broadcast live on ABC. Music fans can choose the winners by voting online.

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Charlie Sheen trashes New York hotel room



▶ Charlie Sheen

▶ \$7,000 damage ▶ Chooses hospital over prison
▶ Ex Denise Richards was there

Charlie Sheen was rushed to the hospital and put under psychiatric evaluation after reportedly causing \$7,000 worth of damage to a room at the Plaza hotel in New York, according to Life & Style magazine. And while some reports claim the troubled actor suffered an overdose, witnesses say he was awake when paramedics arrived.

"He was definitely awake before leave-

ing the hotel as he made the choice to go there and not the jail," the source says. "Charlie was incoherent but started screaming slurs at the cops. They recognized him immediately and gave him two options: they could take him to the hospital or take him down to the station. Charlie

chose the hospital."

Luckily, ex-wife Denise Richards was around to reportedly escort Sheen to the hospital, as the two had dined earlier that night.

"Denise had to go with the cops and leave the girls with a nanny. She looked distraught," a source says.

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Looks like a new love for Halle Berry



▶ Halle Berry

Things seem to be moving quickly between Halle Berry and new boyfriend Olivier Martinez, as sources say the pair are looking into moving in together, according to Hollyscoop. "These two are so in love, they want to spend as much time together as possible. They hate being apart, even for one night, if they can help it," a source says. "Since they both need to be in Hollywood for work, it made sense for Olivier to move in sooner rather

than later. And the love the privacy of her place, although Halle says she can't wait to get to know Paris better." ● METRO

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Talking points

Tattooed on her heart

NO SPLIT. Kat Von D is using the opportunity of her current book tour to clear up some things about her love life, including rumors that she split from Jesse James and took up with ex-boyfriend Nikki Sixx. "I'm not dating Nikki," she tells USA Today. "We didn't get back together. Jesse and I didn't break up."

For the record, the famed tattoo artist is very happy with Sandra

Bullock's ex-husband: "I've known Jesse for a long time, since I was 22 years old," she says. "I think he's probably one of the most kind-hearted, intelligent human beings."

You thought he was important?

OBAMA. It seems Barack Obama has a lot of work to do if he wants to be more influential than some famous funny men, at least according to a poll conducted by Ask Men. The Web site tallied over half a million votes, and the president only came in at 21 on the list, with late-night host Conan

O'Brien landing at 12 and "the Daily Show" host Jon Stewart taking the top spot. George Clooney came in at 18, beating the president as well.

You live and learn

RIHANNA. The more than a year and a half that's passed has given Rihanna time to reflect on the pre-Grammy incident in which boyfriend Chris Brown assaulted her.

"God has a crazy way of working, and sometimes when stuff happens you feel like, 'What did I do to deserve this?' Why was it backfiring on me?" she

ponders to Marie Clare magazine. "But I needed that wake-up call in my life. I needed a turning point, and that's what God was giving to me."

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Rihanna

Celebrity tweets

Nicky Hilton

[@NickyHilton] Social Etiquette lesson: if you aren't close with the host don't ask to bring more than a plus one- it's rude!



Danny DeVito

[@Danny_DeVito] can someone hack into twitter? I'm getting text messages on my iphone. Then i was asked to type stop & I did..now I cant tweet from Iphone??



Conan O'Brien

[@ConanOBrien] I hunt everything I eat. Yesterday, I shot a Cobb salad



50 Cent Name

[@50cent] I met this beautiful woman tonight she's hot baby. I'm trying to score. she smells great. Wish me luck.



Longoria faces lawsuit over crash

Eva Longoria is being sued following a car accident she was involved in last week, according to TMZ.

The other driver, Roman Gasparyan, claims he suffered mentally and physically due to the crash, which he claims was caused by the Desperate Housewives star making "a sudden lane change into the median lane," the Web site reports.

But a rep for Longoria says the lawsuit is bogus. "According to the police report, the other driver was clearly at fault and admitted the fault at the scene of the accident," her rep says. "There is absolutely no truth to this claim, and any indications to the contrary are completely false and untrue."

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Finding fashion in your costume

► As far as pop culture is concerned, Halloween is like one big popularity contest. ► Which characters will win this year? Here are our predictions for the popular celeb costume



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Yes there's candy corn, bobbing for apples and blah, blah, blah.

But for many, Halloween

is a litmus test for which celebrities, television shows, pop cultural references and movies have

gone over big this year so far. While 2010 is destined to have the usual cast of suspects haunting the

streets, a few unexpected faces have gotten our creative costume juices flowing this year.



Willow Smith's 'Whip My Hair'

We had reservations about Jada Pinkett and Will Smith's daughter with her team of two stylists and over-the-top red carpet looks. But it's impossible not to love her bumping debut single, Whip My Hair.



Rihanna

We aren't loving the Kool-Aid red color that Rihanna has been working for the past few months, fashion queen or not. **METRO/KH**



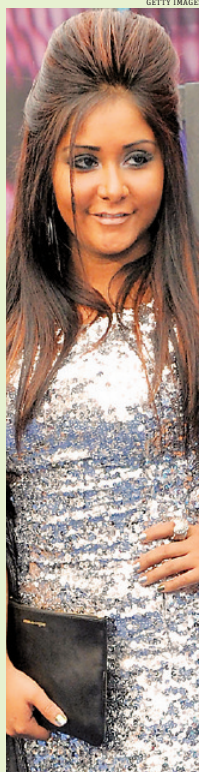
Eric Northman of True Blood

The tools: During season three, he blew past Bill The New Bad Guy Compton to become the show's most loved vampire. It doesn't hurt that he is also the hottest. (The ladies will love the new Halloween you.) He's got all of the ingredients of a costume party hit. Assembling his look is easy. Just put on a t-shirt, jeans and leather bomber jacket, all in black. The trickiest part will be nailing the make-up. You'll need to pile on lots of light foundation and experiment with eye shadow to get his pallid complexion and dark under-eye circles just right.



Joan Harris of Mad Men

The tools: Everyone's favorite drop-dead gorgeous office manager inspired a season's worth of runway trends. That should make it easy to craft your costume; the high street is filled with knockoffs of all those Harris-like tight cardigan sweaters, body-hugging dresses and knee-grazing skirts that Prada, Marc Jacobs and Louis Vuitton showed for autumn/winter '10. Oh, and don't forget the red lipstick, ginger wig and padded bra. The best part: you could conceivably wear your office-perfect Halloween costume again and again.



Snooki

The tools: This look is less about the clothes and more about the lack thereof. Start by gathering all of the hair spray you can find. Or save yourself the time and just buy an Elvira wig from your nearest costume shop. Next, the tan. Not just any old D.I.Y. product will do. It's got to be the darkest fake-bake-in-a-bottle you can find at the drugstore. Finally, buy a tank top, cover it in fabric glue, roll it around in glitter, and — most importantly — wear it as a dress.



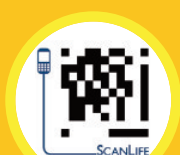
Lady Gaga

The tools: The diva is a gold-mine when it comes to Halloween ideas. But serious costume party pros will want to be as accurate as possible, which means there's only one real option: The Meat Dress. To create this glorious wonder, you simply need to stock up on raw steak from your neighborhood butcher. (Don't go for pork or lamb, which doesn't look quite as bloody.) Find a sleeveless dress that has been cut on the bias. Break out the sewing kit and start attaching the beef to the dress. Et voilà! You are a walking PETA magnet! Happy Halloween.



Sleeper hit: Antoine Dodson

The tools: "He's climbing in your windows. He's snatching your people up. ...So y'all need to hide ya kids, hide ya wife!" Sound familiar? No, this is not some tale of the bogeyman, but lyrics from Bed Intruder Song '07, the iTunes hit based on the Internet sensation that was Dodson's impassioned, cringe-inducing evening news rant against his sister's attacker (15,764,912 views and counting.) While the Dodson look appears easy, it's also the trickiest. Do's: a black tank top and a red bandana around the head.



Affordable apparel brand Joe Fresh Style to redesign Scout Canada uniforms

Trying new theory

► Theory puts fashion favourite Olivier Theyskens in charge of design ► Brings a spark of creativity to brand

The new theory at Theory, a brand best known for stylish, workhorse professional clothes, is to put fashion-world darling Olivier Theyskens in charge of artistic direction.

The company announced the appointment of the former Rochas and Nina Ricci designer to the top design spot on Monday.

Theyskens had already started a capsule collection as a brand collaborator for the upcoming spring season, but this deal puts him in charge of all Theory collections starting with fall 2011.

"It is really exciting to be able to offer my point of view as a designer to a brand that holds a leading role in contemporary fashion. Working on all collections of Theory as well as Theyskens' Theory will enable me to explore various design directions and express my creativity in a



► Theory announces the appointment of Olivier Theyskens to the top design spot

new and broader way," Theyskens said in a statement.

Theyskens won the Council of Fashion Designers of America award for international designer of the year in 2006, and earlier this year worked with

publisher Assouline and photographer Julien Claessens on "The Other Side of the Picture," a coffee-table book that showed off fashion shows from the point of view of an artistic insider.

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DECOR MOMENT

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There are probably not many decorating enthusiasts who haven't heard of the home furnishings powerhouse retailer Crate and Barrel.

It is one of North America's most popular contemporary furniture and home accessories stores. If you don't happen to live near a store the company will ship you what you need from their online shopping catalogue at crateandbarrel.com.

I had a chat with Raymond Arenson, Crate and Barrel's executive vice-president of merchandising and design to find out where trends in furniture are heading and asked him his thoughts on what classic furniture items every home needed.

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hardware so it conveniently comes apart and stores in a closet when the table is not needed anymore.

Stow Onyx Leather Storage Ottoman: Can serve as impromptu seating, extra storage, and by flipping its lid over, instant side table.

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Trends

Where are we going with trends in furniture?

► We've seen the furniture market flooded with espresso/very dark wood tones. Wood furniture is lightening up to a dull, grayed-down, weathered looking wood tone and colour, similar to driftwood. North America follows it trends from Europe and on my last visit there wasn't a stick of dark wood to be seen.

What about colour trends?

► We've seen a lot of brown/taupe colours mixed with strong punchy ones like fashionable orange, green and now blue. That is all changing; grey has become the new taupe and punchy colours are much more subdued; think colours that are slightly murky like purple with a dollop of brown or yellow with a khaki base.



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Newcomer Chebucto offers some good fare

► **New coffee shop at the old Milano's place off to a good start**

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I was disappointed when Milano's Ristorante closed as it's great to see neighbourhood restaurants flourish. Chebucto Coffee opened here this summer and while it's mainly a coffee shop, you can also grab a quick lunch. They serve their own soups and somosas and bring in baked goods. They promise to have sandwiches soon.

The Creamed Chickpeas and Mushroom Soup has a touch of lemon and lots of sliced mushrooms. What lovely flavour. It is served

with a buttered muffin. The generous serving of Chili features beef, kidney beans, and corn and tastes delicious.

Surprisingly the Somosa is made with flaky phyllo pastry and baked, instead of deep-fried. It's a light and tasty concoction including potato, peas and curry.

The Date Square and Cinnamon Roll are both sweet and satisfying.

With an excellent location, baked goods from Deli Green and coffee from Java Blend, Chebucto Coffee should be here to stay.

► **Chebucto Coffee**
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► Rating: ***
► Reservations: No



► Some fare at Chebucto Coffee

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Recipe: Elegant pork tenderloin

Preparation:

1 Cut tenderloin almost through lengthwise; open like a book. Place plastic wrap on top and under tenderloin; pound with rolling pin to flatten to even thickness. Set aside.

2 In a medium saucepan or skillet, cook bacon and onion over medium-high heat until tender and browned. Stir in breadcrumbs, apple, walnuts, cranberries and sage. Moisten slightly with up

to 50 ml (1/4 cup) broth until mixture holds together when pressed. Season with salt, pepper and more sage to taste.

3 Place tenderloin, smooth side down, on work surface. Press filling along length of centre third; roll meat around filling to enclose completely. Tie with string at 4-cm (1 1/2-inch) intervals. (Can be wrapped in plastic wrap and refrigerated overnight at this point.)



4 Place, seam-side-down, in lightly greased baking dish. Brush with oil. Sprinkle with pepper to taste. Roast in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 45 minutes until meat thermometer inserted in centre registers 71 C (160 F) or until juices run clear when pork is pierced and just a hint of pink remains inside.

Ingredients :

- 1 pork tenderloin (625g)
- 2 slices bacon, chopped
- 75 ml diced onion
- 175 ml dry seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 75 ml chopped toasted walnuts
- 75 ml fresh or frozen cranberries, halved if large
- 5 ml chopped fresh sage leaves or 2 ml dried
- Chicken broth or water
- Salt and pepper
- 30 ml olive oil

5 Let stand for 10 minutes slice into 2-cm slices.
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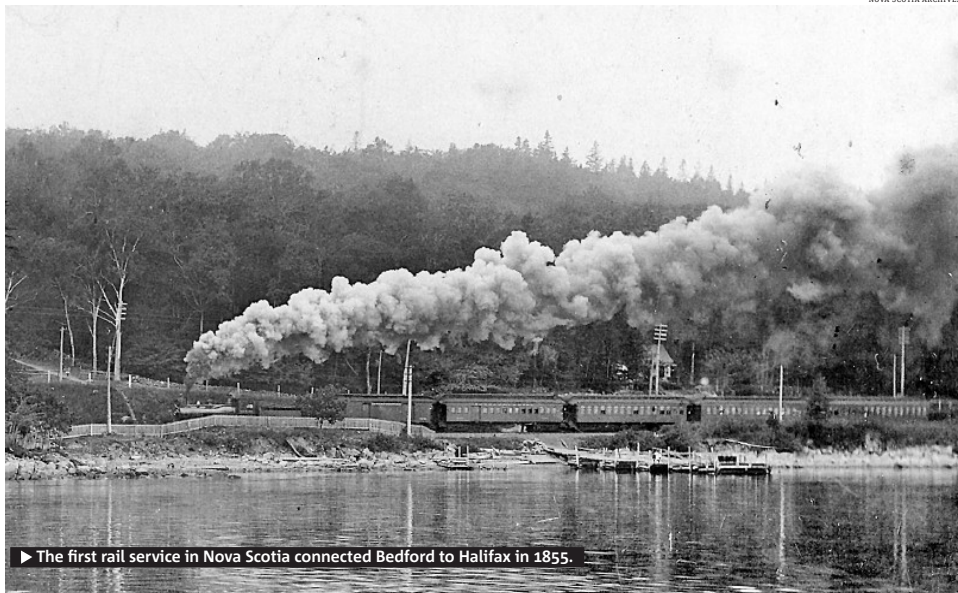
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► The first rail service in Nova Scotia connected Bedford to Halifax in 1855.

Bedford's story began in 1749

► Bedford has always been tied to Halifax. Now a bedroom community, it once guarded the approach to the city

When Edward Cornwallis landed in Halifax in June 1749, he sought to build fortifications to make the city as secure as possible. One of those fortifications was Fort Sackville.

"It was a post in the

backside of Halifax to watch the activities of the natives and the French," says Tony Edwards, the author of the book *Historic Bedford*.

The Fort was built above the mouth of what came

to be known as the Sackville River and was at the head of the Bedford Basin.

"The Sackville River was a major route to the interior of Nova Scotia," explains Edwards.

In the April 1856 edition of *The Nova Scotian*, was the first reported use of the name Bedford, says Edwards.

This was also a time of growth for Bedford.

"It was a busy spot, very

industrial," says Edwards.

With access to natural streams, the Sackville River and what is now known as the Paper Mill Run, it was possible to generate power for mill operations such as lumber, grist and paper. Shipbuilding was also important to the community.

During the Second World War, Edwards says Bedford started to become the bedroom community it is today.

New arena will have four ice pads



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General manager Bill Cruickshank is so excited about Bedford's new four-pad arena that he's opening it three times. The doors will be unlocked Nov. 3 and the first user will take to the ice that afternoon. He's planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony for about Nov. 8, followed by a grand opening in December.

Cruickshank predicts that when people see the rinks, "their jaws will hit the floor." He estimates that will add up to one million jaws annually, as that's the number of athletes, parents and spectators the rink is projecting will pass through its doors at 61 Gary Martin Drive.

"Nothing (in HRM) comes close to it. It's the overall scope, the magni-

Hockey and more

The \$40-million facility will draw a broader crowd than just puck chasers.

► **Home ice.** The Bedford Blues will make the four-pad their primary home. Cruickshank says that will lead to it operating at 98 per cent capacity in peak season.

► **Summer fun.** In the summer, it will turn into a two-pad arena and the other two spaces will host — beach volleyball.

tude and the size of it," he says.

The HRM facility will be open to everything from minor hockey to adult rec leagues and was built to address a chronic shortage of ice time in the city.

"We're going to be busy," he says.

First Rail line in Nova Scotia came to Bedford

The first railway opened in Canada in July 1836, and in the 1850s both the public and the provincial government in Nova Sco-

tia wanted one too.

"The railway was seen in those days as an important project by the Nova Scotia government," says author Tony Edwards.

"They wanted to connect the capital city with the other centres of Nova Scotia."

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Lighting up Christmas

► The Light Up Bedford Parade is the unofficial start of the festive season



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Even though Christmas will be one month away by the time it happens, the Light Up Bedford Parade will start injecting a little bit of Christmas spirit into the air.

"It's so exciting," says organizer Barb Hooper. "It's almost like it's the beginning of Christmas."

This year's Parade is happening Sunday, Nov. 21 at 5:45 p.m., and will begin at the Bedford Place Mall and end up at De-Wolfe Park, where the annual tree lighting ceremony will take place.



► "It's such a magical sight to see," says organizer Barb Hooper.

Politics is personal



► The Regans represent the Bedford area both provincially and federally.



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The Regan household in Bedford is probably the most liberal in Canada — father Geoff Regan is the Liberal MP for Halifax West and mother Kelly Regan is Liberal MLA for the area, and the duo managed to raise three kids despite the frantic pace of political life.

Geoff Regan says he spends about half his days

in Ottawa and a few more at events across Canada. He spends what remains with his family in Bedford. Regan was first elected in 1993 and, apart from a 1997 defeat, has remained MP since.

"It's important to make sure we set time apart each weekend" for family, he says. Both Regans say the chance to do good work for their community outweighs the negatives.

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► A Bedford boy and his friends raised \$10,000 for Pakistan flood relief ► That was twice his goal



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When images of flood-devastated Pakistan flashed across her television, Ambereen Raja admits her instinct was to stick her head in the sand. But her 11-year-old son Behraam insisted they could do something to help people in their homeland and set

out to raise a few hundred dollars in relief for UNICEF.

They revised that goal to a bold \$5,000 and today, the fundraising thermometer on Behraam's



► Behraam uploaded a video to YouTube to raise funds for Pakistan.

website is not only full, it's sparkling. He's raised \$10,025 and with the federal government matching funds raised before Oct. 4, his total contribution is about \$20,000.

"It feels really good," he says from his Bedford home. He says he had talked to family in Pakistan, where he lived until he was eight, and they

told him how cities were under water, with millions of people left destitute. He says the money will buy food, water and blankets.

"I thought if I could get a couple of friends to help out, we could do it," he says.

His mother Ambereen says Behraam is Unicef's third-highest fundraiser

for Pakistan, but he may soon have competition. His eight-year-old sister Sehr has vowed to step up to the plate next time a disaster strikes.

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► Moose lose third straight under new head coach Bobby Smith and now sit 5-12-1 ► Mooseheads hit road on Friday and Saturday versus P.E.I. Rocket and Moncton Wildcats



► Mooseheads goalie Mathieu Corbeil looks on as the puck sails into the net during first-period action against the Gatineau Olympiques at the Metro Centre last night. Gatineau won 6-2.

Different start, same result for Moose



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Instead of a slow start and a too-little-too-late push to the finish, the Halifax Mooseheads did the opposite and achieved the same result: A loss.

The Mooseheads, who were victims of slow starts their previous two outings, dropped their third straight at the Metro Centre last night with a 6-2 loss to the Gatineau Olympiques.

A 2-1 first-period lead disintegrated as the Olympiques scored five unanswered goals in the final 31 minutes.

"Things just started to go wrong and we kind of stopped battling," said Mooseheads 20-year-old defenceman Pascal Amyot. "The little things we were doing well (early on), we stopped doing.

You're not going to win many hockey games if you just stop competing."

Rookie Matthew Boudreau's two-goal effort highlighted the Mooseheads' early success, but numerous factors contributed to the loss.

Goalie Mathieu Corbeil only faced 23 shots but al-

lowed six goals and was beaten cleanly a few times; the defence turned the puck over; the penalty kill allowed two goals on four attempts; and the Mooseheads managed just 20 shots of their own.

"It was one of those games where not a whole lot happened on both ends," said Mooseheads

the five smallest on record since the QMJHL started tracking single-game totals in 2003.

Average attendance, meanwhile, stands at 5,097, down from last season's full-season 5,506, which was the worst average since 1996-97.

The Mooseheads averaged crowds of 3,733 and 4,749 in their first two seasons.

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Attendance keeps on slipping for Herd

The Halifax Mooseheads' attendance figures continue to slide.

Just 4,183 turned out for last night's game, the fourth crowd this season ranking among



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captain Travis Randell. "Not a lot of shots, not even a lot of scoring opportunities. It just seemed for some reason the pucks they were shooting were going in tonight."

Moving the puck out of their own end has been a big point of concern for the Mooseheads during the losing streak, Randell said.

"I don't think we were good enough on the boards in our own end," he said.

"That's something we have to take more pride in ... It's been a problem for us and it could have helped us come out with the win."

Rainmen look to add size in the PBL draft

The Halifax Rainmen know if they want to measure up with the best, they need a quality big man in the paint.

The Rainmen, who lost to the Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry in last year's semifinals in part because they couldn't handle the Oklahoma squad's heavy-weight post players, will look to beef up in that area with their two picks in the Premier Basketball League draft today in Chicago.

"We're looking to go big in the draft," Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said. "We're hoping to find some big kids who can give us an opportunity to compete with the bigs in Oklahoma."

Larry Turner, a seven-footer, was the Rainmen's starting centre last year. He averaged 11.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game but won't be back.

The Rainmen, one of eight teams at the draft, pick sixth and 14th overall starting at 10 p.m.

David Bailey, a second-rounder in 2008, is the only drafted player ever to suit up for the Rainmen.

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► Larry Turner

Moose to honour DND

The Halifax Mooseheads will celebrate their seventh annual Department of National Defence appreciation night on Nov. 5, when the Chicoutimi Saguenéens visit the Metro Centre at 7 p.m.

The Mooseheads will wear specially designed jerseys and will auction off 15 of them on Nov. 24.

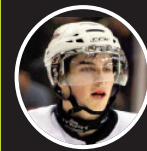
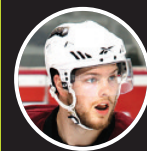
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Hockey news

Andrew Gordon

The Porters Lake native and Washington Capitals farmhand is off to another productive start in the American Hockey League. Gordon, who plays for the Hershey Bears, is fourth in the league with 11 points in seven games.



Tomas Knotek

The two-time defending Halifax Mooseheads team MVP is still looking for his first goal in the Czech Extraliga. Knotek, who signed with HC Kladno in the off-season, has three assists in six games thus far.



Scan code for sports



► New York's Raymond Felton gathers up a loose ball.

Raptors drop opener

► Team battled back from 16 points down, but couldn't catch Knicks

Wilson Chandler scored 22 points while \$100-million US free-agent addition Amare Stoudemire added 19 more to go along with 10 assists as the New York Knicks overcame a gritty Toronto Raptors

club for a 98-93 victory last night in the season opener for both clubs.

Working their way back from a 16-point deficit, the Raptors pulled within three with 11 seconds left but Leandro Bar-

bosa air-balled a desperation three-point attempt. The Knicks then sealed the deal from the foul-line.

Andrea Bargnani scored 22 points, Jarrett Jack added 16 with six assists,

while Barbosa and Linas Kleiza chipped in with 13 each for the Raptors, who began the post-Chris Bosh era with a close loss that highlighted their shortcomings.

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Weir may return by December

Mike Weir is on the comeback trail and he's decided to do it his own way.

The Canadian lefty plans to rely less on swing coach Mike Wilson when he returns to competitive golf, something that could happen as soon as December.

The past few months have been about more than simply trying to repair ligament damage in his right elbow. Weir has also spent plenty of time watching old footage of his swing and plotting a strategy to regain his form.

"Basically, the last eight or nine weeks I've been able to kind of figure out a



► Mike Weir

lot of this on my own," Weir told The Canadian Press in an interview yesterday. "I really don't think I need a teacher. I need a set of eyes — whether it's Mike or someone else — to keep an eye on what I know and give some feedback. I'm taking ownership of what I'm trying to accomplish when I make a swing."

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Favre still hopes to play

Brett Favre is not ruling himself out of Sunday's game at New England despite two fractures in his left ankle.

The 41-year-old Favre wore a large, grey walking boot on his left leg to the podium for his regular news conference yesterday, and he said he doesn't anticipate participating in a full practice at all this week.

The Minnesota quarterback said he's always had a knack for healing quickly, which gives him hope he'll be back when the Vikings (2-4) play the Patriots (5-1).

Favre was hurt in Sunday's loss to Green Bay, and an MRI revealed a stress fracture in the ankle as well as an "avulsion" fracture in the heel bone, where a fragment has been torn away by a tendon or ligament. He doesn't need surgery, and he said after consulting with doctors he's confident he can't make the injury worse by playing.

Favre said the injury hasn't made him consider retiring now and that he's fully committed to finishing the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Brett Favre

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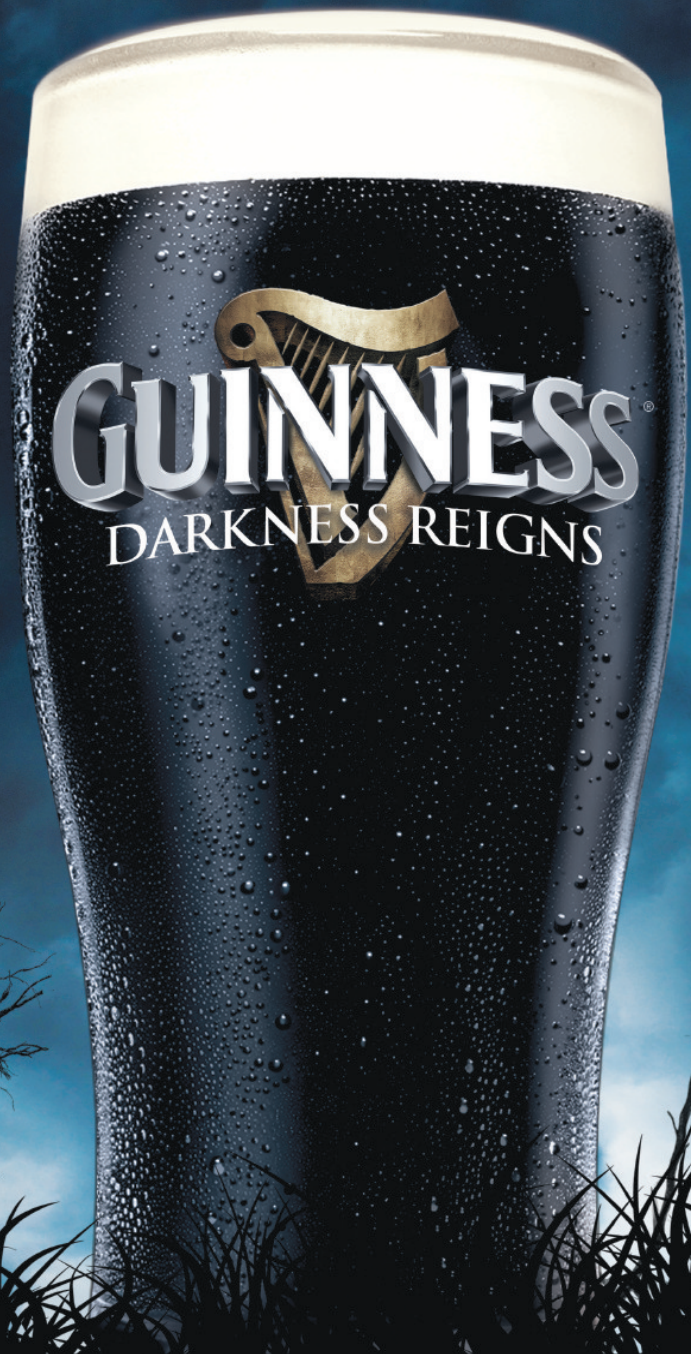
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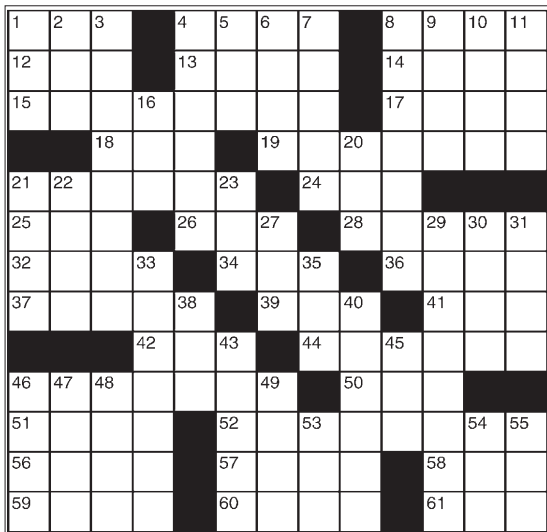
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13 Judy's daughter
14 Possess
15 Football field
17 Neighbourhood
18 Proof abbr.
19 Baseball field, in part
21 Tap
24 Coffee vessel
25 Kyoto cummerbund
26 Put into words
28 Formal wear
32 Lima's land
34 Crazy
36 Canton's home
37 Move furtively
39 Tavern
41 Under the weather
42 Round Table address
44 Caught in the act
46 Lai alai venue
50 Barracks bed
51 Emanation
52 Holes 10-18, in golf
56 Layer
57 Garfield's foil
58 Listener
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4 Microscope acces-



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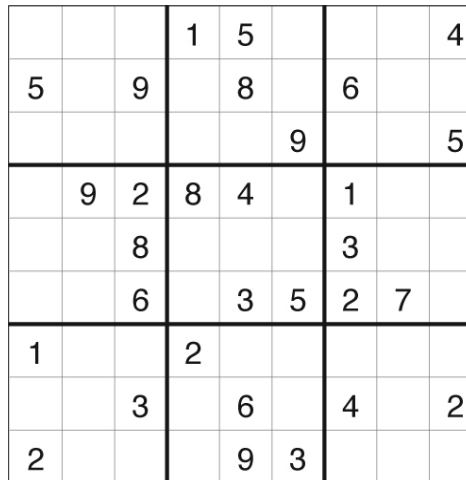
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27 Shril bark
29 California college
30 Cleo's river

31 Auctioneer's call
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35 Work on the soundtrack
38 DIY buy
40 Pail
43 Automaton
45 Trinity member
46 Destiny
47 Destruction
48 Sandwich cookie
49 Zilch (Sp.)
53 Round fig.
54 Aye undoer
55 Prior to

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

2	1	5	4	3	7	8	6	9
4	8	3	9	6	2	5	7	1
7	6	9	8	5	1	2	4	3
6	9	4	2	8	5	3	1	7
1	7	2	6	4	3	9	5	8
3	5	8	7	1	9	6	2	4
5	4	1	3	2	8	7	9	6
9	3	6	5	7	4	1	8	2
8	2	7	1	9	6	4	3	5

Today



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Friday



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Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 The bigger the challenge the more you like it and with Mars making the best possible angle to your sign this week you feel you could take on the world and win. Maybe you can, but why so drastic?

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 An offer may look attractive but do you know for certain what it's all about and can you be sure that the people you will be dealing with won't cheat you at some stage?

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 You need to be more assertive, especially when dealing with people who think they can bully you into doing whatever it is that pleases them. You must stand up for yourself.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 If there are certain areas of your lifestyle that you feel are not as ordered or as efficient as they could be then start making changes. You may think you lack discipline but you don't.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Life is good and getting better by the minute and if you don't quite believe that now you will believe it by the end of the day as Mars moves in your favour. Put yourself about a bit.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Like it or not you've got to move with the times, so stop making excuses and do whatever it takes to get yourself up to speed on the latest developments.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may want more independence but not everyone is willing to give it to you. Well that's too bad because you are in no mood to compromise. You can't please everyone, nor should that be your aim.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Is your brain plugged in? Let's hope so because you need to be on your toes today, especially where money matters are concerned.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Mars in your sign will give you superhuman levels of strength and stamina today. Your rivals and competitors won't stand a chance. That is if any of them have the guts to take you on.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You want to get along with people but the planets warn there are some individuals you need to be wary of. How do you tell who they are? They're the ones who try to interest you in the latest "big thing".

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 No matter how friendly an Aquarius you happen to be you will come across someone today who is impervious to your charms.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 Mars, planet of energy, transits the career angle of your chart from today, so keep your senses on full alert because there will be at least one, and maybe several, opportunities.

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LOVE, HEPPIE

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